



# Newsletter

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## CHAIR'S CORNER: Notes from 2010 SAF National Convention

by Nick Dennis, NorCal SAF Chair

Greetings from Albuquerque!

Northern California SAF helps underwrite the chair and chair-elect's attendance at the national convention. I was excited to attend this year's convention in Albuquerque, the site of the first convention I attended back in 1996 in the state aptly known as the Land of Enchantment. Here are some of the highlights I observed at SAF's 90<sup>th</sup> annual convention.

The House of Society Delegates consists of all state society chairs and serves as an advisory body to the SAF Council. It meets for a day or two each year prior to the official convention opening. HSD provides state society chairs and chairs-elect the opportunity to get to know their counterparts from around the country, hear from SAF leaders, learn about the important issues and challenges facing SAF, debate alternative approaches to meeting them, and adopt recommendations to guide Council in its decision-making.

The main topic addressed by HSD this year was the proposed dues increase. An increase of approximately 15% is proposed to occur in 2012, along with guidance to adopt subsequent 15% increases every five years thereafter to counteract inflation. The anticipated periodic increases would not be automatic, but would be subject to Council's evaluation in relation to actual recent inflation rates. Given that, relative to Council, HSD is structured

to represent the grass-roots membership, and coming at a time when so many members are unemployed or under-employed, the proposed increase was, as you'd expect, not popular within HSD.

Executive vice-president Michael Goergen presented the case for the increase. Dues have been essentially flat for 10 years, while the cost of living has increased by 25%. SAF incurred a deficit in 2009 and budgeted for a \$300,000 shortfall in 2010. All sources of revenue, except member dues, have increased in 2010. National SAF staff consists of 16.5 full-time equivalent positions, compared to 23 in 2003 and more than 30 in the 1990s. Our dues are comparable to those of our sister societies such as the Wildlife Society and American Fisheries Society, but our professional publications are superior to theirs and, through efforts led by policy director Erica Rhoad, SAF has a much stronger presence on Capitol Hill than they do. New member benefits include access to electronic versions of the regional applied forestry journals and a free tele-conferencing service. One of the recent staff changes was replacing an executive assistant, who served Michael and Council, with member services coordinator Kelsey Delaney. This change responded to survey-based information indicating that member dissatisfaction focuses primarily on weakness at the chapter level.

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# Calendar

## *NorCal SAF Winter meeting*

Forestry 101:  
Growing California's  
Forestry Education

January 14–15, 2011  
Redding, CA

*See pages 11–13 for  
program and registration  
details.*

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| December 7–9                  | California Board of Forestry meeting<br><i>Resources Building, Sacramento</i><br>( <a href="http://www.bof.fire.ca.gov/">http://www.bof.fire.ca.gov/</a>   916.653.8007)   |
| January 12–13,<br>2011        | 32nd Annual Forest Vegetation Management Conference:<br>Forests and Fire<br><i>Holiday Inn, Redding</i><br>( <a href="http://www.fvmc.org/">http://www.fvmc.org/</a> )   |
| January 31,<br>2011           | SAF Fellow nominations due<br>( <a href="http://safnet.org/about/fellows.cfm">http://safnet.org/about/fellows.cfm</a> )  |
| February 11,<br>2011          | Deadline to apply for California Registered Professional Forester<br>or Rangeland Manager examination (held April 15, 2011)<br>( <a href="http://www.bof.fire.ca.gov/professional_foresters_registration/rpf_and_crm_examinations/">http://www.bof.fire.ca.gov/professional_foresters_registration/rpf_and_crm_examinations/</a> ) |
| February 15,<br>2011          | Deadline for Forester Fund regular grants<br>(See page 6 for more information.)  |
| March 3<br>March 4–5,<br>2011 | California Licensed Foresters Association Spring Workshop<br>California Licensed Foresters Association Annual Meeting<br><i>Hilton, Sacramento</i><br>( <a href="http://www.clfa.org">http://www.clfa.org</a> )  |

## Forestry Institute for Teachers 2011 dates

**June 12–18** • Plumas County, University of California  
Forestry Camp, Quincy

**June 25–July 1** • Tuolumne County, Sierra Outdoor  
School, Sonora

**July 10–6** • Humboldt County, Humboldt State  
University, Arcata

**July 17–23** • Shasta County, Camp McCumber,  
Shingletown

For full details visit <http://www.forestryinstitute.org/>.



*NorCal SAF member John Nicoles shares tree measurement techniques  
with FIT participants.  
by Mike De Lasaux*

## Forest Conservation Days (20<sup>th</sup> annual!)

### When:

March 26–27, 2011: Boy Scouts and public  
March 28–April 1, 2001: San Jose area 5<sup>th</sup> graders

### What:

- Tours and education about renewable natural resource management
- Portable sawmill demonstrations (courtesy of Reedley College)
- Guided trail walks (led by Reedley College students & other volunteers)

### Where:

Sanborn Skyline Park, 16055 Sanborn Rd., Saratoga, CA 95070, 408.867.9959

### VOLUNTEER!

We urgently need your help (foresters and natural resource specialists alike):

- » Lead tours or teach about renewable natural resource management.
- » Assist with set up on Friday, March 25.

### Lodging:

We lost the Sanborn Youth Hostel for housing but have located an alternative site at the Via West camp. Camping will be available at Sanborn Park.

### Sign up:

By mail—Use the volunteer form on the NorCal SAF Web site ([www.norcal saf.org](http://www.norcal saf.org)).

or

Online—<https://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=2518>

### Contact

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School scheduling: Diane Savin-Dukleth



View toward Mt. Eddy.  
by Nick Dennis

*Attention Nor-Cal SAF members!*

Share current information about forest management, research, and resources in California with your fellow members:

**Submit an article to NorCal SAF Newsletter.**

**Next deadline:  
February 1, 2011**

Send to Sara Eliason,  
[sara.eliason@gmail.com](mailto:sara.eliason@gmail.com)

# Membership update

There are now 700 members of Northern California Society of American Foresters. Do you realize how much we can do by joining together as professionals? We are:

- Working with elected officials at the local and national levels on legislation that will benefit forestry and forest land owners;
- Helping to inform teachers about the management and conservation of natural resources so they will be better able to guide their students;
- Maintaining our knowledge and developing new knowledge in forestry; and
- Encouraging others to join the forestry profession through student chapters.

Eighteen new student members joined NorCal SAF in September. Welcome these new members by encouraging them to participate in all aspects of local, state and national programs.

## University of California Berkeley

Jacqline Blanchard  
Kathleen Cahill  
Rose DeVries  
Wesley Hart  
Alexander Javier  
Allegra Matthews  
Christopher McCoy  
Suzanne Robinson  
Jacqueline Stoves  
Audrey Taylor

## Reedley College

Christopher Baker  
Michael Lynch  
Sarah Moore  
Ryan Wentzel

## Humboldt State University

Whitney Butler  
Ryan Camera  
Tyler Hullquist  
Alexander Taylor

I can assist you with membership outreach. Please contact me at 530.226.2523 or kajordan251@aol.com. Also, visit the SAF Website at <http://www.safnet.org/> for printable brochures and member resource information.

—Kathleen A. Jordan, NorCal SAF Membership Chair



*NorCal SAF member Frank Barron collects macroinvertebrates with teachers on Schneider Creek.  
by Mike De Lasaux*

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## Chair's corner

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HSD discussed the negative impacts of the dues increase, most notably the likelihood that the ongoing decline in membership would steepen. Unfortunately, we were not able to propose any feasible options to the increase, and basically defaulted on the issue by requesting that council fully explore such options. The fiscal straits in which our professional society finds itself are similar to those affecting our state and federal governments, not to mention our personal households, and the options for resolving the issue are similarly bleak. The reality is, that to maintain a semblance of the member services to which we've become accustomed, dues must increase to keep abreast of costs, and significant numbers of members may be unable to absorb the increase.

HSD hears success stories from state societies around the country, and gives recognition to the best events and programs. This year the first-place winning event was a conference commemorating the centennial of the 1910 Big Burn in Idaho, Washington, and Montana sponsored by Inland Empire SAF. The conference was keynoted by Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell, who gave a rousing 40-minute speech without referring to notes, among other conference luminaries. Other award winning achievements included the 2010 National Boy Scout Jamboree co-sponsored by National Capital SAF and a one-hour video explaining the benefits of working forests (to counter the ongoing demonization of logging in the popular media) produced by New Jersey SAF.

HSD also heard from President Mike Lester, president-elect Roger Dziengeleski, president-elect candidates Mary Coulombe and Bill Rockwell, Committee on Forest Policy Chair Shorna Allred, and Utah State University Professor Terry Sharik, whose recent research has focused on the proliferation of natural resource education programs. Dr. Sharik found a widely-held perception that, whereas traditional forestry curricula are closely aligned with wood products, the more generalized curricula that now dominate university-level natural resource education focus on ecosystem management. My comment on this finding was that, although the generalized curricula are producing many graduates with good analytical skills,

the key tools of terrestrial ecosystem *management* continue to be the basic forestry techniques of vegetation removal (i.e., logging), and few university programs outside of forestry departments appear to be providing adequate training in this area.

The darkhorse team from Green River Community College near Seattle won the ever-popular SAF Quiz Bowl.

New SAF Fellow awardees, including NorCal SAF members Julie Lydick and Bill Branham, were recognized at the annual fellows breakfast and in front of the full attending membership. NorCal SAF member John Heissenbuttel received the prestigious Sir William Schlich Medal in recognition of his leadership in establishing the Sustainable Forestry Initiative, among a career full of noteworthy accomplishments.

Convention keynote speaker Sandra Postel presented a sobering picture of global overexploitation of water resources as exemplified by the failure, for the first time in recorded history, of several of the world's largest rivers (including the Rio Grande) to discharge to the ocean within the past decade. For the past 60 years, new major dams (defined as those at least 50 feet tall) have impounded streams at the rate of two per day. Aquatic species are generally becoming imperiled much faster than either terrestrial or marine species.

Disintegrating support for SAF among the leadership of the Forest Service prompted former Region 5 regional forester (and current District 10 council member) Lynn Sprague to join Chief Tidwell in presenting a session exploring opportunities to restore working relationships between the nation's two pre-eminent forestry organizations.

These observations just scratch the surface of the opportunities at our annual convention to receive the latest technical information, explore employment opportunities, form alliances to advance policy reforms, catch up with old friends and generally enjoy a great time. Remember: the venue shifts to Honolulu in 2011. Save the date!

# SAF Fellow nominations due January 31, 2011

by Mike De Lasaux, NorCal SAF Education Committee  
Co-chair

Society of American Foresters Fellow nominations are due to the District Fellow Committee by January 31, 2011.

SAF honors members who have provided outstanding contributions to the Society and to the forestry profession with the title of Fellow. Criteria and procedures are on the Web at <http://safnet.org/about/fellows.cfm>.

The District 03 Fellows Committee includes the following members, who themselves are SAF Fellows: Anne Heissenbuttel, Nick Dennis, John Heissenbuttel, Ken Delfino and Jay Lopez.

Please contact Mike De Lasaux ([mjdelasaux@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mjdelasaux@ucdavis.edu)) if you have questions.

The following distinguished NorCal SAF members are SAF Fellows:

Hank Abraham  
Donald Arganbright  
Brian Barrette  
Frank Barron  
William Beaty  
Walter Bemis  
Geri Bergen  
Harold Bowman  
Bill Branham  
Warren Carleton  
Thomas Catchpole  
Arthur Cowley  
George Craig  
Kenneth Delfino  
Nicholas Dennis  
Richard Dresser  
Glen Duysen  
John Heissenbuttel  
Anne Heissenbuttel  
John Helms

Douglas Leisz  
Lennart Lindstrand  
Dean Lucke  
Julie Lydick  
Bernard Mason  
Joe McBride  
John Mount  
Gary Nakamura  
John Nicoles  
William Oliver  
Donald Perkins  
Bradford Seaberg  
Robert Solari  
John Sweeley  
Dennis Teegarden  
Rina Terrell  
Richard Watt  
Dale Wierman  
Carl Wilson

# Foresters Fund grants

by Julie Lydick, NorCal SAF Awards Chair

The Society of American Foresters Foresters' Fund grant program aims to financially assist local SAF units 1) promote education to enhance public understanding of the role of professional foresters in forest resource management; 2) conduct forest policy activities; and 3) strengthen state societies, divisions, and chapters in achieving the mission of the Society.

Activities can include forestry field days, museum displays, Walk in the Forest activities, programs for teachers, legislative events, SAF leadership/media training or bringing in special guest speakers.

Deadlines for regular grant applications up to \$1,500 are February 15, June 15 and September 15, yearly. Applications for special grants of \$1,501 to \$5,000 are due by June 15, yearly.

Proposals require state society approval before submission to the national office. Julie Lydick, NorCal SAF Awards/Forester Fund Committee Chair can help with coordinating review by the state society executive committee. E-mail her at [djlydick@comcast.net](mailto:djlydick@comcast.net).

Check the SAF Web site for full details: <http://www.eforester.org/members/forfund.cfm>.

## *Congratulations!*

NorCal SAF member John Mount received the 2010 Francis H. Raymond Award from the California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection in July.



*John & Donna Mount*

The award, given annually, honors an individual or organization that has contributed the most to the management and increased awareness of California's forested resources over the last five years. The Board recognized Mr. Mount for his dedication to mentoring youth and educating the public about the benefits of forest management.

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# SAF Council report

by Mike De Lasaux, NorCal SAF Education Committee Co-chair

The theme of the SAF Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico, was Forests and People: A Watershed Event. For me and the other ten Council members, the dominant theme may have been dues. At the June Council meeting we voted to begin a discussion of a 15% dues increase for all membership categories. The Council vote was intended to initiate the process and engage the membership in a discussion. If we do increase dues, the change will come in 2012.

Increasing dues is never a warm and fuzzy topic. We anticipate that a dues increase likely will cause some members to discontinue their membership. This is especially so in these challenging economic times.

During the convention the House of Society Delegates (HSD), composed of state society chairs, discussed the topic thoroughly over the course of their one-and-a-half day meeting. What we heard was that whether dues are raised or not, there needs to be better communication about the decision.

I purposefully waited to discuss the proposed dues increase, other than to announce it this past summer, until after hearing the HSD discussion. There is a critical need to share the background information associated with the dues discussion.

Several facts that can contribute to the decision:

1. Dues represent about 47% of the total SAF operating revenue. The balance of the revenue comes from grants, donations, sponsorships, publications and the convention.
2. SAF has not raised national dues for all membership categories since 1997 (a \$3 inflation increase did occur for professional members only in 2004). During these 13 years, dues were increased by 5% while the national average cost of living has increased 35.5%.
3. National SAF has reduced staffing by 40% since 1997 (from 24 to 16.5).

If dues are not increased, there likely will be a need to reduce programs further. Which programs would be discontinued remains undetermined. Council has requested a detailed summary of programs, and their benefits and costs, so that we can be well informed about further program reduction options.

If Council does vote to increase dues, the national SAF dues will be:

- Member: \$153 (currently \$133)
- Retired: \$121 (currently \$105)
- 5-year discount: \$98 (currently \$85)
- Student: \$40 (currently \$35)

Another element of the dues proposal is to increase dues by 15% every five years. This rate is based on the average annual consumer price index of 3%. While the policy will provide for a regular increase of a known amount, there will be discussion with the HSD and membership prior to voting on the actual increase.

Finally, in addition to the dues increase, the Council has voted to change the Society's dues discount program to assist young professionals more fully as they start their career. Starting in 2011, graduating student members will be charged at the student rate until they are employed in a forestry or related field. They will then receive a discounted dues rate for five years, at which point they will be required to move to the full membership rate. Further, all professional members will pay the discounted rate until their sixth year of non-student membership.

Please e-mail input or feedback to [membership@safnet.org](mailto:membership@safnet.org) or to District 3 Council Representative, Mike De Lasaux, [mjdelasaux@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mjdelasaux@ucdavis.edu).

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# Chapter updates

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## NorCal SAF Chapters

### 49er

Chair: Tom Francis

### Bay Area

Chair: vacant

### Bidwell

Chair: Scott Worden

### Del Norte

Chair: vacant

### High Sierra

Chair: Guy Anderson

### Jedidiah Smith

Chair: vacant

### Monterey Bay

Chair: vacant

### Peter Lassen

contact: Mike De Lasaux

### Redwood Coast

Chair: vacant

### Sacramento-Tahoe

contact: Brian R. Barrette

### Southern San Joaquin

Chair: Jeff Gletne

### Wyntoon

Chair: Ben De Blois

### Student Chapters

Bakersfield College  
Cal Poly State Univ.  
Humboldt State Univ.  
Reedley College  
Sierra College  
UC Berkeley

## Southern San Joaquin Valley Chapter

by Jeff Gletne, Chapter Chair

The Southern San Joaquin Valley Chapter Policy Committee is busy drafting a comment letter on the latest Giant Sequoia National Monument Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Management Plan.

Our meeting in late October was the fall joint meeting with the Bakersfield College student chapter. Derrick Davis, Wildland Superinten-

dent for prescribed fire, vegetation management, and fire planning for the Kern County Fire Department, was our speaker. He discussed the pre-fire management that the fire department and the Greater Tehachapi Fire Safe Council did to greatly limit the amount of damage from the West Fire in Tehachapi this past July.

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## Sacramento-Tahoe Chapter

by Brian R. Barrette, Chapter Contact

Long time Chair Joanne Drummond has decided to retire from that duty to concentrate on her family and job after about five years as chair and four as vice chair. She leaves a big hole in our Chapter that will not be easy to fill. I have taken over the duties until our arm-twisting finds a new warm body to fill this important position.

Our October meeting covered the new Transportation Plan for the El Dorado National Forest. At our November meeting in Placer-

ville, we focused on the red-legged frog issue.

We have been struggling to get folks out to the meetings. In October, due to multiple conflicts (Amador-El Dorado Forest Forum and ACL meetings) we had only ten for dinner with several more joining for the presentation. We expect a much higher turnout for the November meeting. After taking December and January off, we hope to sponsor a panel discussion between activists and forest managers on a topic of interest to all.

### Attention chapter chairs!

*Have news or photos from your NorCal SAF chapter to share?*

Send them by February 1, 2011 to Sara Eliason  
sara.eliason@gmail.com

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# Chapter updates

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## High Sierra Chapter

by Thomas W. Catchpole, Chapter Education Committee Chair

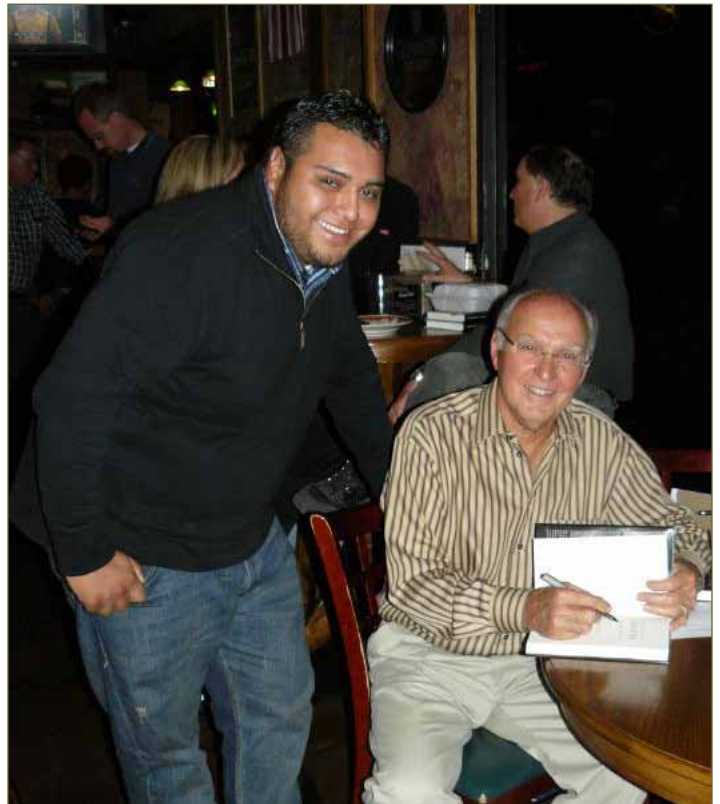
The Chapter remains active with numerous local and NorCal SAF activities. Even during the height of the summer field season, the chapter held a field trip in August and was involved with FIT at all four locations. Here is a summary and update of chapter activities.

**September 2010 meeting, Clovis, CA.** Twenty-six members, guests and Reedley College forestry students attended the Chapter's September meeting. The after dinner speaker was Ramiro Rojas, Silviculturist, USFS High Sierra District, who spoke about the upcoming Dinkey Landscape Restoration Project and other activities in store for the Sierra National Forest. The Dinkey Project is one of ten projects across the nation selected to receive funding as a Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration project (<http://www.fs.fed.us/restoration/CFLR/>). These projects aim to promote healthier, safer, and more productive public lands through partnership efforts on forest restoration treatments that reduce wildfire risk, enhance fish and wildlife habitats, and maintain and improve water quality.

**October 2010 meeting, Clovis, CA. Chapter member John Mount** spoke about his new book, [Torching Conventional Forestry](#). John worked in forestry for over 50 years, recently retiring from Southern California Edison Forestry after 30 years as a forester and land manager. He spearheaded Edison's innovative forest management program that gained recognition in 2001 with the Governor's Environmental Economic Leadership Award; the Program was distinct from others in that it strayed from clear-cutting and fire suppression. John was also the first recipient of the SAF Field Forester of the Year award. Earlier this year, he received the Francis H. Raymond Award that honors those who have contributed the most to the management and increased awareness of California's forested resources over the past five years. John raffled off one of his books, with proceeds going to the Cecil B. Metcalf memorial scholarship. He was also available for book signing.

**Upcoming meetings.** The Chapter will award the Cecil B. Metcalf Memorial Scholarship to a Reedley College student. Plans are still tentative for the December meeting. Look for reports of both the November and December meetings in the next NorCal newsletter.

**Fundraiser:** For the third year, the High Sierra Chapter's fundraiser for the Education Fund is the 2011 SAF Calendar. The calendar features beautiful local natural landscape and scenery photos taken by chapter members. It is now on sale.



*John Mount signs his book [Torching Conventional Forestry](#) for Reedley College Student SAF Chapter member Alejandro Gonzalez.  
by Thomas Catchpole*

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# A Pilgrim's tale

by Mike Hupp, NorCal SAF Communications Chair

With Thanksgiving upon us, it's a good time to count our blessings and also to consider a Pilgrim's tale. Pilgrim is a large forest health project on the McCloud Flat. The project is designed to deal with expanding blackstain pockets in Ponderosa pine, episodic pine beetle breakouts and improve forest health by thinning and biomass removal on approximately 3000 acres. Addressing these issues will generate around 30MMBF and restore forest health on about 3700 acres when completed. Here's the timeline on Pilgrim:

2004—Pine beetle epidemic associated with blackstain pockets in ponderosa pine raises forest health issues. A large salvage operation is completed to remove dead trees on several thousand acres.

2005—Project planning initiated in Pilgrim Creek drainage to address forest health issues.

06/01/2007—Pilgrim Timber Sale FEIS and ROD completed. The project was immediately appealed.

09/18/2007—RO appeal decision. After the appeal, the project was litigated on Management Indicator Species (MIS) issues.

05/13/2008—District court decision. The court instructed the Forest Service to clarify one part of the MIS analysis.

01/11/2010—FSEIS ROD. The Forest Service performed additional analysis as required by the court, and issued a supplemental ROD for the project.

04/20/2010—RO appeal decision on FSEIS. The project was again immediately appealed.

09/14/2010—District court decision lifting injunction. The court agreed that the Forest Service had completed the analysis the required and that the Pilgrim project complied with the law.

10/08/2010—Plaintiff filed appeal with 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit. A hearing date in the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit has not been set.

Meanwhile, in the Pilgrim project area, the blackstain pockets are getting bigger, the pine beetle cycles continue in the affected stands and the mortality continues to increase. Stands remain unthinned, down fuels are increasing, and growth remains stagnant in unthinned stands. It has been 6 years since the project started. The Forest Service is moving forward with plans to sell the Pilgrim sales. The plaintiffs of course have the right to file for a Temporary Restraining Order.

We need to be thankful that we live by the rule of law, and that the public is able to participate in the management of the public's lands. These are fundamental democratic principles that we need to keep in focus and never lose sight of. It may be time, however, to take another look at the way that appeals and litigation can be used to tie up projects for years. Several years ago, then Forest Service Chief Jack Ward Thomas noted that it was time to undertake a review of the crazy quilt of laws and regulations that guide the management of the public lands. Pilgrim is a poster child for that discussion.

Northern California Society of American Foresters  
**2011 Annual Winter Meeting**  
**Forestry 101: Growing California's Forestry Education**  
**January 14–15, 2011**  
**Redding, CA**

What is the current state and future of forestry education in California? Are we providing new foresters and technicians the knowledge and skills needed for the 21st century? Have we made progress in communicating basic principles of modern forest management to teachers and the public? What do the students and recent graduates think about the quality of their forestry education?

Join foresters and educators for a day of panel discussions and the annual Awards Luncheon on Saturday, January 15. Come to Redding on Friday and participate in the latest hands-on Project Learning Tree curriculum, "Global Connections: Forests of the World," followed by a welcome no-host mixer in the Paul Bunyan Room at Turtle Bay Exploration Park.

The future of forestry is today's students and educators. Don't miss the opportunity to hear about this important topic that directly affects our forestry legacy. 2011 is the International Year of the Forests. What better way to kick off the year than by celebrating the next generation of foresters.

Program Chair: Ken Nolte, 530.949.5759, knolte@shastacollege.edu

## Program

(see next page for detailed schedule)

### Friday, January 14

Executive Committee Meeting  
Project Learning Tree Workshop  
Welcome Mixer & Early Registration

### Saturday, January 15

Forestry 101: Growing California's Forestry Education (keynote address, panel discussions)

## Meeting Locations

**Friday Executive Committee Meeting:** Trinity Conference Room, USDA Service Center, Shasta-Trinity NF, 3644 Avtech Parkway, Redding, CA 96002

**Friday PLT Workshop & Welcome Mixer:** Turtle Bay Exploration Park, 840 Sundial Bridge Drive (Auditorium Drive), Redding, CA 96001

**Saturday Meeting:** Large Conference Room, USDA Service Center, Shasta-Trinity NF, 3644 Avtech Parkway, Redding, CA 96002

## Directions

**To Turtle Bay:** From NB or SB I-5, take Exit 678, then Hwy 44 west to Sundial Bridge/Auditorium Dr., turn right into parking lot. From east- or west-bound Hwy 299, take Hwy 44 to Sundial Bridge/Auditorium Drive. ([www.turtlebay.org/directions](http://www.turtlebay.org/directions))

**To USDA Service Center, Shasta-Trinity National Forest:** Follow signs to the Redding airport, which is east of I-5.

## Lodging

Redding has a wide variety of lodging choices, particularly in the Hilltop Drive area. Explore [www.visitredding.com/visitors/hotels](http://www.visitredding.com/visitors/hotels) to find the best option for you.

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**January 14–15, 2011, Redding, CA**

## Agenda

### Friday, January 14

- 9:00–12:30 **Executive Committee Meeting.** Trinity Conference Room, USDA Service Center.
- 1:00–4:00 **Project Learning Tree Workshop,** Global Connections: Forests of the World, Turtle Bay Exploration Park, free.
- 4:00–6:30 **Welcome Mixer & Early Registration.** Paul Bunyan Mill Room, Turtle Bay Exploration Park.

### Saturday, January 15

- 8:00–8:30 **Registration**
- 8:30–9:00 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
- 9:00–9:30 **Keynote Address.** John Helms, Emeritus Professor, University of California, Berkeley
- 9:30–10:30 **University Panel**  
Ken Fulgham, Humboldt State University  
Doug Piirto, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo  
Kevin O'Hara, University of California, Berkeley
- 10:30–10:45 **Break**
- 10:45–12:00 **Community College Panel**  
Kent Kinney, Reedley College  
Tim Baker, College of the Redwoods  
Ken Nolte, Shasta College
- 12:15–1:30 **Awards Luncheon**
- 1:30–2:00 **NorCal SAF Business Meeting**
- 2:00–3:00 **Student & Recent Graduates Panel**  
Reps from CA universities and community colleges.
- 3:00–3:15 **Break**
- 3:15–4:45 **Environmental Education Panel**  
Kay Antunez, Project Learning Tree  
Mike De Lasaux, Forestry Institute for Teachers and Forest Conservation Days  
Shaney Emerson, Talk About Trees  
Diane Dealey Neill, California Forestry Challenge  
Kathleen Jordan, Scouting for Trees
- 4:45–5:00 **Wrap up and Announcements**
- 5:00 **Adjourn**

## Optional Project Learning Tree Workshop

Join us at the Turtle Bay Exploration Park, Friday, January 14, 2011, from 1–4 p.m. for a FREE forestry education workshop provided by the California Project Learning Tree program. You will get a taste of PLT's newest curriculum, "Global Connections: Forests of the World," developed by the American Forest Foundation ([www.affoundation.org](http://www.affoundation.org)) and the World Forestry Center ([www.worldforestry.org](http://www.worldforestry.org)).

This new program offers secondary and community college educators lessons that help students explore a range of topics about the world's forests. Students learn that forests provide basic human necessities such as fuel, food and shelter; can influence climate; and are a vital component of the earth's nutrient and water cycles. The Montreal Process is introduced to help students consider a global response to forest sustainability initiatives.

Through interesting hands-on activities, students are involved with community investigations, data gathering and analysis, environmental monitoring, presentations, research projects and simulations. All PLT materials place an emphasis on developing critical thinking skills. Students also have opportunities to explore careers and different forms of technology as part of their study. To learn more about PLT's program for secondary educators, check out [www.plt.org](http://www.plt.org) (click on "curriculum").

To register, contact Kay Antunez, Project Learning Tree Coordinator, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection at [kay.antunez@fire.ca.gov](mailto:kay.antunez@fire.ca.gov) or call 916.653.7958.

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## Education coordinator/bookkeeper change

by Mike De Lasaux, NorCal SAF Education Committee Co-chair



*Heather Morrison*

Stacey Dodge has resigned her contract as the NorCal SAF Education Coordinator/Bookkeeper. Stacey began her work with NorCal SAF in February 2009, coordinating our core education events: Forest Conservation Days and the Forestry Institute for Teachers, and supporting participants and volunteers. Stacey also was involved in the NorCal SAF move to Quickbooks Online for account management. Best wishes to Stacey in her new pursuits.

NorCal SAF is fortunate that Heather Morrison, who served as NorCal SAF Executive Director from 2000–2008, has returned to provide contract services as NorCal SAF Education Coordinator/Bookkeeper. Heather will continue to serve as the Executive Director of the California Licensed Foresters Association while providing services to NorCal SAF. With Heather's prior NorCal SAF experience, we envision a smooth transition. We look forward to working with Heather again.

A subset of the NorCal SAF leadership conducted a selection process to fill the Education Coordinator/Bookkeeper contract. Those who participated include: John Bradford, Mike De Lasaux, Nick Dennis, Jane LaBoa and Gary Nakamura.

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## A student's view: 2010 SAF national convention

by Jacqline Blanchard, University of California Berkeley forestry student



*Jacqline Blanchard (l) with forestry professor and NorCal SAF member Kevin O'Hara.*

As a forestry student at UC Berkeley, I was excited to attend this year's Society of American Foresters National Convention in Albuquerque, NM. Since it was my first time attending, I had no idea what to expect from the convention. It turned out to be a fantastic professional and educational experience. The lectures were so thought provoking that I found myself needlessly scribbling down pages of notes and questions as if I was sitting in a class back at Berkeley. The lectures covered such an expansive range of topics that it was difficult to decide which ones I would attend, and I was constantly running back and forth between the various buildings. I was also lucky enough to attend two lectures presented by UC Berkeley faculty, which was a highly motivational experience; it made me wonder if maybe one day I too would be standing in front of my peers representing the University of California.

The exhibit hall was definitely my favorite part of the convention, as it was a great chance to obtain a vast amount of information in a concentrated area and on a tight schedule. Plus, let's be honest, all the free forestry swag made the experience even more fun. It also provided an excellent chance to meet various professionals and network. In addition, the career fair gave me and my fellow students the chance to examine all the different career paths that a degree in forestry can lead to, while also creating a less intimidating environment to practice critical interview skills.

Another highlight of the convention was the UC Berkeley alumni reception. It was exciting to meet and talk with UC Berkeley alumni about the weekend's events, while taking a reprieve from the hectic shuffling of the convention. It also was great to see that sixty years from now, I'll still be just as passionate about forestry and attending these conventions. All in all, the convention was a phenomenal experience that I am very grateful to have attended. I look forward to the convention next year!

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